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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am both a small business owner and a customer of a small ISP in Northern California.

I chose this provider for a few reasons:

- they provide infinitely better service than the large companies I tried - they are part of the local community, employing friends and neighbors
- they provide an excellent product at a fair price

I have seen what happens when competition is limited to fewer, larger providers. Service goes down; costs and fees go up; innovation goes down.

I do not want to see deregulation of this market. It's unnecessary, and is just a ploy that will allow larger providers to make more money, which will be pocketed primarily by institutional investors. It will hurt my business, my wallet, and my community if small providers like mine are put out of business based on massive rate hikes by large providers which become possible due to deregulation.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts.

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